

# The Weekly Courier

VOL. 29, NO. 28.

CONNELLVILLE, PA., WEDNESDAY MORNING, JANUARY 8, 1908.

TWELVE PAGES.

## FORMAL INSTALLATION MONDAY OF THE NEW COUNTY OFFICERS.

Judge J. Q. Van Swearingen Formally Takes His Place on the Common Pleas Bench.

### ADDRESS OF JUDGE UMBEL.

New President Judge Advocates Changes from the Present Order of Things, Including Appointment of Assistant to County Detective.

UNIONTOWN, Jan. 6.—The newly elected officers of Fayette county took their positions this morning amid the usual ceremony. Most important was the election to the common pleas bench of J. Q. Van Swearingen. Impressive ceremonies attended his installation and that of Judge Robert E. Umbel to the "President" Judgeship of the county.

Judge Van Swearingen preceded Judge Umbel to the bench. After the room had quieted Clerk William McClelland read the commission of Judge Umbel, elevating him to the position of President Judge of the Fourteenth Judicial district. The commission of Judge Van Swearingen was then read. As the terms of the court clerk, stip-staves and malron expired, all were reappointed. They are: Charles Smith, court clerk; Gustaves, Frank Kimberly, Jacob Ansell, J. A. Rankin, William Elliott, William Boring, Andrew Powers, malron, Mrs. Florence Lister, the latter of Connellville.

On receiving his commission, Judge Umbel delivered an impressive address, beginning with the solemnity of an oath. He expressed the opinion that all talking and other disturbances should cease upon an oath being administered. He further suggested that in the future it would be well to swear in all witnesses in a case at the same time, thus making a greater speed possible during the trial.

Relative to the reports of murders and other deeds of violence which are daily reported in the newspapers, Judge Umbel suggested that an assistant to County Detective McBeth be appointed, the territory being too large and populous for one man to cover. In Allegheny county, he explained, there are 16 or 18 county detectives, and there is plenty of work here for another man. He suggested that the County Commissioners take this matter up.

District Attorney Henderson presented his commission for approval and then had the appointment of George Patterson as his assistant approved. Patterson's salary will be \$1,500. The suggestion to increase County Detective McBeth's salary from \$100 a month to \$125 was first approved but later laid up until the County Commissioners can consider the matter. It is understood that their approval will be forthcoming.

The first official action of Judge Van Swearingen was to appoint Miss Lucille Cox as court stenographer. Miss Cox has been employed in the law office of Cooper & Van Swearingen for a number of years, and is one of the best stenographers in Uniontown.

Early this morning Sheriff P. A. Johns and his force took charge of the office vacated by Sheriff M. A. Kiefer. It took but a short time to turn over the books and other necessary matters. The new clerk is Harry W. Byrne of Everson.

### NARROW ESCAPE.

Abraham Newcomer Has Horse Killed Near Owensdale by the Mt. Pleasant Accommodation.

OWENSDALE, Pa., January 6.—Abraham Newcomer narrowly escaped death Sunday morning by being run down by the Mt. Pleasant shifter of the B. & O. Mr. Newcomer was driving across the tracks and did not see the engine bearing down upon him. His horse was struck and instantly killed, while he was thrown some distance away.

The vehicle in which he was riding was demolished. Aside from being bruised and badly shaken up, he was not seriously hurt. Just one week previously J. D. Porter narrowly escaped death at the same place.

### TRIMBLE GOLDEN WEDDING.

Scottsdale Men Attend Celebration on Sunday.

SCOTSDALE, Jan. 6.—James and Elbert Trimble, were at Georgetown on Sunday attending the celebration of their parents' golden wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. John A. Trimble were surrounded by their seven children and 22 grand children. Mr. Trimble is 74 years old and his wife is 62.

### SLEPT IN THE COLD.

Unknown Young Man Expires in Uniontown Hospital from Exposure. UNIONTOWN, Jan. 6.—An unknown young man was found last night lying along the Connellville road in North Union township. He was in a comatose condition and at first foul play was feared.

He was removed to the hospital where he died from exposure this morning. No marks of violence could be found on his person.

### CUTTING AFFRAY.

Dunbar Young Man Attacked by Two Italians Who Had Intoxicated Girl Companion.

DUNBAR, Jan. 6.—Joseph Minor was seriously cut on the head by two Italians last evening when he resisted insults offered by them to a young woman who was accompanying him. Minor left the girl standing on the sidewalk near the postoffice for a few moments while he went into a club room. The Italians came up and spoke to her.

Running across the street the young woman endeavored to escape by entering the club, with the Italians close at her heels. As soon as Minor opened the door the Italians left. Minor and the girl followed them on the bridge over the creek, one of the foreigners turning and slashed Minor over the head three times with a knife.

Bert Minor, a brother, and "Jack" Kinyan came up on the run and administered a severe beating to one of the men and allowed them to go. Joseph Miller was taken to Dr. Brown Collier's office, where Dr. Collier and Dr. William Warren stitched up his scalp.

Constable A. C. Duncan, with Bert Minor and Kinyan, started to Portersburg in an effort to arrest the Italians.

### CLAIM MILLIONS.

Stillwagon Family Organize to Recover Fortune Said to Be Owed Them in Germany.

Claiming title to property valued at \$25,000,000 and now in possession of the German government, descendants of Peter Stillwagon who came from Germany to America during the war for independence, have banded together to obtain a settlement from the Kaiser's government. The story of their claim opens with the usual romantic flight of the young son of a rich man from the old country, Peter Stillwagon, being the only son in the case. The Stillwagon descendants, the majority of whom live in Connellville, have, with Elmer Stillwagon of Johnstown, traced their descent with exactitude.

Elmer Stillwagon claims that Peter Stillwagon, the runaway from Germany, was his great-great-grandfather. Elmer Stillwagon's share of the fortune would be \$200,000. Other heirs would receive from \$200,000 to \$500,000 each. The heirs look to an early settlement of the case, having retained lawyers to look after their interests and communicated with banks in the Fatherland to establish beyond a doubt the authenticity of their claims.

### K. OF C. COUNCIL.

Installed at Uniontown Sunday With 25 Visiting Councils Represented—52 Charter Members.

About 25 different councils of the Knights of Columbus from Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia took part in the installation of the 1275th council in the United States, to be known as the Uniontown Council, with a charter membership of 52. From 9 A. M. until 6:30 P. M., three degrees were conferred by State Deputy Patrick H. Lynch of Philadelphia, and District Deputy John W. McFayden of Latrobe, assisted by Grand Knights from Monacaen and Connellville. The order was organized about a month ago, and the officers installed on Sunday were as follows:

Grand Knight, J. W. Campbell; Deputy Grand Knight, J. R. Gray; Chancellor, B. W. Phillips; Financial Secretary, B. W. Whaley; Treasurer, D. J. Murphy; Recording Secretary, James Phelan; Lecturer, Andrew O'Neill; Advocate, Frank Lane; Wardens, J. G. Hoidfeldt; Inside Guard,

Joseph Delehant; Outside Guard, John Grassinger; Trustees, Patrick Mullin, W. J. Callaghan and Joseph Manger. After the exercises at the West End Theatre the assembly marched to the Lyceum skating rink where the Ladies Catholic Benevolent Association had arranged an excellent lunch. Attorney James R. Gray was master of ceremonies. Among those who made short talks were P. J. Harrigan and John J. W. J. Callaghan and Joseph Manger. After the exercises at the West End Theatre the assembly marched to the Lyceum skating rink where the Ladies Catholic Benevolent Association had arranged an excellent lunch. Attorney James R. Gray was master of ceremonies. Among those who made short talks were P. J. Harrigan and John J. W. J. Callaghan and Joseph Manger.

### IS NOW IN JAIL.

Clarence Swearer Swiped a Horse to Assist Him in His Search for Gold.

UNIONTOWN, Jan. 4.—Clarence Swearer has been lodged in the county jail after a long chase and must answer charges of horse stealing. Swearer was arrested a few days ago, but Burgess Warman turned him loose. It is alleged that he broke into the stables at Gates and swiped a horse.

The man is weak minded. For the past several weeks he has wandered around the county looking for gold.

## MARSHALL DEAN IS NOW STEWARD

Shakeup at the County Home When Poor House Directors Meet.

### ALL WAS UNLOOKED FOR

Joseph Miller, the Retiring Steward, Held the Job Down for Several Terms—Attorney and Physician Elected but Others Were Held Over.

An unexpected shake-up occurred at the County Home on Monday when the Directors of the Poor and House of Employment met and organized for the ensuing year. Marshall Dean of Flatwoods landed the post of Steward and will succeed Joseph Miller, who has held that position for several terms. The unexpected of Miller was rather unexpected.

Director Isaac Coffman stood out for Miller, but Dean was elected on the votes of J. J. Barnhart and Thomas Love. The Poor Board organized with the election of Thomas Love as President and Isaac Coffman Secretary.

Thomas P. Jones of Uniontown was unanimously elected attorney. Dr. J. P. Widenour of Uniontown was elected physician. All other appointments were held over until the regular meeting of the Board on the 14th Thursday of the month. As Miller has been deposed, it is not unlikely that other changes may be made at the County Home.

### DECLARE DIVIDEND.

Citizens Water Company of Confluence Made Six Per Cent on Investment Last Year.

CONFLUENCE, Jan. 6.—A meeting of the stockholders of the Citizens Water Company of Confluence was held at the Hotel Dadds on Saturday. After the year's business had been carefully gone over the Directors ordered a dividend of six per cent, payable on January 15, for the year 1907. This is an excellent showing considering the amount of improvements and repairs made during the past year.

The Board of Directors elected for the incoming year are: H. C. Kurtz, E. Van Sickle, H. S. McClune, L. S. Lincoln and Charles Marquart. H. C. Kurtz was elected President; H. S. McClune, Vice President and E. Van Sickle, Secretary and Treasurer.

The Citizens' Company get their supply from Draketown, a short distance from Confluence, and a better quality of water is not supplied any town in the United States. The company also furnish fire protection for the bustling town at the Junction of the Yough and Casselman.

Another Darr Mine Victim. The body of Mike Barana, aged 19 years, a victim of the Darr mine explosion, was brought here Sunday morning and interred in the Greek Cemetery at Leisenring No. 1. Funeral Director J. L. Stader took charge of the body.

## NOMINATION PAPERS.

Partial List of Primary Candidates in Fayette County.

### PUT OFF TILL THE LAST MINUTE

In Many Districts by Both Parties. New Haven Promises to Have a Lively Contest for Town Council and the Office of Constable.

UNIONTOWN, Jan. 6.—There was a rush to file nomination papers for the January primary at the Commissioners' office on Saturday afternoon. Most boroughs and townships put the matter off till the last minute. Among the papers that had been filed and checked up this morning by the Commissioners were the following:

Bridgeport, Democratic—Constable, John Thomas; Republican, Constable, C. W. Keefe; Thomas C. Worcester; Council, Alex. D. Lockhart, Henry L. Warnock, Harry G. Hornell; Auditor, Henry Mossitt; School Director, David K. Orr, James B. Gray.

Dawson, Democratic—Constable, Henry Sheppard; Auditor, Howard Loan; Council, Martin Hecklinger, A. J. Cochran, Jas. S. Laughrey; School Director, William H. Cochran, C. P. McElhinna; Republican, Council, Layton Forsythe, Joseph R. Cotton, Mode E. Porter; School Director, Russell K. Smith, Joseph Cogan; Auditor, Earl Ober.

Dunbar, Democratic—Council, Stark Dean, Alex. McCannell, Jr., David Greer; Constable, James Harper, George S. Stull; School Director, Price Baker, one year; Harry L. Smith, three years; Charles Nemon, three years; Thomas T. Morrison, two years; Auditor, Thomas Welsh; Republican, Council, Enoch Howell, William Holsinger, Grant Hay; School Director, W. S. Orwa, Clark Pope, Adam Wortman, Harvey Walls; Auditor, Elsworth Parker; Constable, Alex. C. Duncan.

Everson, Republican—Constable, Adam Brown, Jr., William Rubin, John G. Kullback; Council, William Dench, Perry Hill, one year, Joseph Nicholas; School Director, George M. Barnes, John Portorissi, Israel Shaffer, Joseph H. King; Democratic, Council, Michael Felix, James Benford, E. S. Thompson; School Director, C. W. O'Brien, M. E. Kane, Geo. Danberry; Constable, William Chambers; Auditor, Steven Stabovich.

Fairchance, Democratic—Council, E. A. Bierboer, Samuel Nixon, Ewing Miller, William Dixon, E. D. Humphries; Constable, H. R. Humphries, Martin G. Dunn; School Director, Alozo H. Miller, Charles R. McIntyre; Republican, Council, John G. Williams, John L. Darby, W. M. Kinsinger, Henry M. Wilson, Grove H. Moore; Constable, W. S. Swanger, Oscar Greenleaf, W. H. Epley; School Directors, Alozo H. Miller, Spire E. Williams; Auditor, Henry G. Dougherty, Frank Johnson.

Markleysburg, Democratic—Burgess, M. M. Thomas; School Director, Wilbur Frankenberg; P. M. Umbel, J. M. Jolliffe; Council, Jonas Ault, S. H. Myers, Amosiah Miller, D. J. Sweetzer; Auditor, Elijah Umbel; Republican, Burgess, J. B. Markley; Justice of the Peace, S. K. Thomas; Constable, George F. Cunningham; Auditor, John A. Hileman; Council, John A. Hileman, Samuel Gleason, Orville Thomas, Cyrus Glover, S. E. Fulmer; School Director, Norman G. Steener, J. B. Markley, E. M. Thomas; Auditor, Frank Thomas.

Mariontown, Democratic—Council, Andrew A. Ryle, T. W. Rhodes, James L. Hague; School Director, J. R. A. Altman, P. H. Ralston; Auditor, C. G. Conner; Republican, Constable, Geo. Brown; Council, James H. Smith, William S. Hensaker, Charles H. Howard; School Director, Johnson Hensaker, C. H. Harbison; Auditor, R. A. Johnson.

New Haven, Republican—Council, Cooper Patterson, T. J. Hooper, J. D. Slaughter, R. A. Smith, Solomon Lepley, Joseph H. Thomas, Cyrus M. Storer; Constable, William Shrum, S. E. Nelson; Auditor, F. R. Yoder, H. G. Fournall, James F. Metzger; Democratic, Council, Cyrus Storer, William H. Thomas, Thomas Hooper, Cooper Patterson, Solomon Lepley; School Director, Kell Long; Constable, Smith M. Grimm.

Ohioyle, Democratic—Constable, Ewing Kennedy; Council, Judson Wolfe, William Holt; School Director, George Kurtz, C. W. Sailer; Auditor, Charles Holt; Republican, Constable, E. A. Jackson, J. L. Cunningham; Council, Amos Collins, A. P. Daniels, Scott Taylor; School Director, W. B. Jackson, Ira W. Shaw, D. H. Horton; Auditor, Sherman Nicholson.

Frank Sailer, Florise Duliere, J. L. Conn, E. M. Snyder, F. B. Ogilvie; School Director, A. McGardyne, Jr., E. M. Lockard; Auditor, John McGardyne.

Smithfield, Democratic—Constable, George Bryley; Council, W. R. Britz, O. J. Stewart; School Director, J. R. Dunham, Hugh R. Breakiron.

Uniontown, First ward, Democratic—Constable, Nathaniel G. Hurst; Republican, Justice of the Peace, Daniel M. Brier, John N. Dawson; Constable, Daniel Collins, James R. Wood; School Director, William McClelland.

Second ward, Democratic—Constable, George M. Thomas; School Director, Dr. John D. Sturgeon; Republican, Constable, Steven R. Coffman, Charles M. Pee, Lewis Ford, Frank M. Harard; School Director, T. P. Jones, Thomas L. Collier.

Third ward, Republican, Council, Alexander Chisolm, Jr., Theophilus Howie, William G. Maus, Frank A. Hill; Constable, Judson Sister, A. J. Bowie, John A. Litman; School Director, N. H. Jaquet.

Fourth ward, Democratic, Constable, Alonzo Beckert; Republican, Council, R. H. Cornish, Clyde B. Miller, Albert McCabe; Constable, Milton Morris; School Director, Dr. Peter P. Smith.

Vanderbilt, Democratic, Council, L. N. Strickler, W. J. Dieb; Constable, Jacob Harshman; School Director, Calvin Martin, C. B. Arison, Republican, Constable, Robert M. Maus, Eli Wicklow; Council, Kelly L. Means, William Paul, J. W. Lane; School Director, William Wilson, J. B. Henderson; Auditor, Lloyd Shallenberger.

## RUNAWAY CAR IN A COLLISION.

Crashed Into Fast Freight at Salisbury Junction a Few Days Ago.

### FIREMAN FINKS IS INJURED

Engineer William Niland and Others in the Cab Made Their Escape—Accident Happened About the Time No. 11 Was Due.

Several days ago while a coal train was switching at Sand Patch a coal car became detached and tore madly down the east bound track in the direction of Meyersdale. Several attempts were made by Engineer Chas. Schmutz to overtake and couple up to the runaway car, but to no avail. Each time he struck it it seemed to give the car additional momentum. Telegraphic warning was sent along the line to make way for the car and, if possible, to ditch it. Operator Siple who, without a switch key was rendered powerless to arrest the rapid progress of the car, could only remain in his office and watch it go by.

At Salisbury Junction fast freight train No. 94 was standing on the main east bound track, directly in the path of the runaway car. On the evening of the time the car came bowling down the grade were Engineer William Niland and Fireman Finks, and, it is said, other railroad men. All, however, escaped injury with the exception of Fireman Finks, who was thrown against the side of the cab and had his nose broken, besides receiving other injuries of a minor nature.

The engine hauling the fast freight was badly damaged and another engine had to be pressed into service to take the train to Cumberland. This accident occurred at 5:30 in the morning, and everything taken into consideration, it was indeed a most fortunate one. The accident happened near the time of train No. 11 bound west, as well as the backing up of the Meyersdale-Johnstown Special, and it can readily be seen how matters may easily have been rendered more serious.

Every effort was made by Engineer Schmutz and Conductor W. H. Leckey to overhaul the runaway car, but to no avail.

### Margoff Sued.

David Margoff, proprietor of the Bijou theatres in Connellville and Uniontown, and the Fort Pitt Film and Supply Company, has been sued by Keith Stalla for \$500.00. This is a balance claimed for decorating Margoff's Uniontown house.

Letters in Kernik's Estate. In the estate of Mike Kernik, who died in Upper Tyrone township on December 23, letters of administration have been granted to Frank McGurgan. Bond, \$2,850.

Bond is Approved. The bond of \$10,000 given by Jesse A. Stirling the new committee in lunacy for W. H. Ross of German township, has been approved.

## DARR MINE RELIEF PLANS OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE.

Burgess A. D. Soisson and B. P. Wallace Who Represent Connellville and Vicinity Urge Prompt, Active Work.

### DIED AT DAWSON.

Miss Wright Is a Victim of Chronic Bright's Disease.

Miss Margaret McBride Wright, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Wright of Dawson, died Saturday of chronic Bright's disease, aged about 25 years. She had been ill for some time.

Decensed is survived by her parents and one brother, Robert Wright, of Monacaen, and Emma at home.

### SARAH JANE WILKEY.

Widow of the Late John Wilkey of Dunbar Township Died Sunday.

Mrs. Sarah Jane Wilkey, aged 79 years, widow of the late John Wilkey of Dunbar township, died at an early hour on Sunday morning at her late residence at Cherry Lane, Dunbar township. She was the daughter of the late Joshua and Elizabeth Vance, and was born in 1835 in Dunbar township, a short distance from where she died. In 1861 she was married to John Wilkey, also of Dunbar township. To the union five children were born, all of whom are living with the exception of one.

At an early age she united with the Methodist Episcopal church of Connellville and always took an active part in church work up until a few years being unable to attend regularly owing to her failing health. About two weeks ago she contracted a severe cold which with other complications resulted in her death. While she had been in failing health for the past two years her death was unexpected and came as a surprise to many of her friends. Mrs. Wilkey is survived by the following daughters: Mrs. G. F. Rogers of Clarksville, W. Va.; Mrs. W. E. Day of Staehensville, O.; and Miss Louise and Miss Elizabeth at home. One brother, R. M. Vance of Connellville, also survives.

Funeral Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from her late residence. Rev. J. B. Risk, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church of Uniontown, assisted by Rev. A. J. Ashe, of the local Methodist Episcopal church, officiate. Interment private in Hill Grove cemetery.

### COUNTY EXPENSES.

Fayette Spent About \$190,000 More in 1907 Than During Any Previous Year.

Fayette county made a record during 1907 in the matter of expenses, exceeding the average of other years by about \$190,000. This is due, however, to a number of extraordinary expenses during the past year, and it must also be stated that there still remains a balance in the county treasury of about \$70,000.

The expenses for 1907, as computed Saturday evening in the County Commissioners' office by Commissioner J. S. Stentz, totals \$382,965.53. For the past five years the expenses have averaged about \$202,000, while in 1906 the total was but \$193,271.13. In 1906 the State tax, amounting to about \$26,000, was not paid, this sum being figured in the 1907 accounts.

Expenses for 1907 may be figured closely with those of previous years. During the year just closed the county paid \$160,000 for the Yough bridge at Connellville. Added to this the \$26,000 State tax paid for 1906 account makes about \$186,000 of extraordinary expenses over the preceding year.

For the last 12 months the expenses ran: January, \$10,644.82; February, \$12,945.87; March, \$16,855.57; April, \$11,495.17; May, \$44,629.17; June, \$21,278.33; July, \$17,556.11; August, \$9,021.08; September, \$17,006.30; October, \$33,566.83; November, \$12,908.89; and December, \$25,327.16; total, \$552,965.53.

December was a heavy month from the fact that many assessors, justices and constables were settled with, as well as a number of other odds and ends closed up for the year. The biggest month was September, when the Yough bridge was settled for.

### FAIL TO ORGANIZE.

The County Auditors Did Not Meet Monday Morning.

UNIONTOWN, Jan. 6.—The Board of County Auditors failed to organize this morning, as is the usual custom. John A. Rittenour was the only auditor present.

The County Commissioners will organize this afternoon, at which time they will elect a new chief clerk.

### STATEMENT OF THE COMMITTEE.

In All There Are 542 Wives, Children and Aged Parents and Others Dependent on Those Who Lost Their Lives in the Explosion—\$125,000 Required.

Burgess A. D. Soisson and B. P. Wallace, Connellville's representatives on the Darr Mine Relief Committee organized last week at Pittsburgh with many of the most prominent men of the Smoky City among its membership and headed by Mayor George Guthrie, on Sunday received letters from Oliver S. McClintock, Secretary of the Committee, outlining the plans for relief. Burgess Soisson took the matter up at once as did Mr. Wallace. They will act together in urging prompt and active relief. Burgess Soisson earnestly solicits as liberal aid from the people of Connellville and vicinity as they are able to give. He leaves the means of contribution to their own judgment, that is where schools, church organizations, benefit societies or civic and beneficial societies take up the matter of helping those dependent on the miners who lost their lives in the Jacob Creek disaster. Burgess Soisson feels that Connellville can and will make a good showing in the way of contributions, appreciating the liberality of its citizens when charity is so deserving as it is in the case of the Darr mine sufferers. The situation at Darr is best set forth in the appeal for relief sent out by the committee, which is as follows:

By an explosion in Darr mine, of the Pittsburgh Coal Company, located at Jacobs Creek, Westmoreland county, Pa., which occurred on December 19, the lives of not less than 230 men were in a moment blotted out and almost every home in the small mining town was bereft of a husband, father, son or brother, thus leaving widows whom a wife, children, mother or other loved and protected ones have until now looked for the necessities of life. The total number of those dependent upon less than 542, divided about as follows:

Wives.....130  
Young children.....300  
Aged parents and others.....112  
The dependents living near the mine are, for the most part, quartered in the houses of the company and they are being supplied by the company with fuel and other necessities. The company in a word, is doing and will continue to do its full part in softening the terrible blow that has fallen upon these people, but their need and the need of those abroad, whose only income is thus suddenly cut off, appeals strongly to all who feel the common brotherhood of man, and it is confidently believed that many thousands of the citizens of the United States will welcome an opportunity to assist them over the present crisis.

Many of the resident families will want to return to their relatives in their native countries in Europe, and others must seek a community in which they can earn a livelihood. Aid must be given them to enable them to leave their homes and to help them establish themselves, and the other families must be provided for until they can adjust themselves to their new conditions.

If \$300 be allowed to each widow and \$100 to each child under 16 years of age, and there be relative allowances for aged dependents of the unmarried victims, for unborn children, and for other dependents of whom the committee is as yet unprovided, a fund of not less than \$125,000 will be required.

Recognizing the great need of these people on one hand and on the other the warm impulse of the American heart, this committee was organized to serve both donors and beneficiaries by collecting and disbursing, under most careful checks and safeguards, the adequate sum of relief which the occasion demands.

All checks should be made payable to "Darr Mine Relief Committee, John B. Jackson, Treasurer," and they and all cash contributions should be sent to him, in care of Fidelity Title & Trust Company, Pittsburgh, Pa.

This appeal is signed by the following members of the subscription committee:

Edwin S. Stuart, Governor of Pennsylvania, chairman; H. D. W. English, President of the Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce, secretary; George W. Guthrie, Mayor of Pittsburgh; W. H. Coleman, Mayor of McKeesport; A. D. Soisson, Mayor of Connellville; J. F. Cuneen, Mayor of Pittsburgh; and Francis Fechner, President District No. 5, United Mine Workers of America.

Mr. Wallace, representing the merchants of Connellville and New Haven on the Darr Committee, stand on Monday that the merchants are going right ahead with their work and that nothing will be left undone to secure liberal and prompt contributions.

Branches About Completed. The Mill Run branch of the Indian Creek Valley railroad will be about completed within a week or 10 days.

Buy Madigan Property. J. A. Fleming has purchased the Madigan property on North Arch street for \$1,000.

## JUDGE REPPERT CLOSSES TERM WITH SEVERE SENTENCES TUESDAY.

**Alleged Black Hand Member Sent to Penitentiary Five Years and Others Go to Workhouse.**

### MUCH REGRET IS EXPRESSED

That Accomplices of Joe Castella Must be Let Off So Easily—Injunction Against Molders is Dissolved—Mrs. Kuntz to Get \$500.

UNIONTOWN, Dec. 31.—At his last session of court Judge Reppert handed down severe sentences to Joe Castella, San Minnette and Frank Reppert, the alleged Black Hand members who were convicted of holding up Giuseppe Nicolette at Brownsville some months ago. New trials were first granted the prisoners on the conspiracy charges, as the testimony on that point was not entirely clear.

Castella, charged with assault and battery with intent to rob, was sent to the penitentiary for five years. Judge Reppert declined to act on the plea for leniency presented by attorneys Lee Brownfield and A. E. Jones.

In sending Minnette and Reppert to the workhouse for a year each and fining them \$100 on charges of carrying concealed weapons, Judge Reppert remarked that it was a pity separate charges had not been made against the men for each weapon they possessed. The men were equipped, when arrested, with small arsenals of firearms, it is said.

The action in equity against the local iron molders union of Connelville, brought by the Connelville Manufacturing & Mine Supply Company, was continued on the docket but the temporary injunction against the strikers was dissolved. The labor difficulty has been settled, making a continuance of the injunction unnecessary, even were it merited.

A rule was issued directing Mrs. Margaret Kuntz to file a statement to effect that she will accept \$500 damages from P. P. Long. In the case this is not done, a new trial will be granted. The jury awarded Mrs. Kuntz \$942.

Vincent Vamlik and Vinel Boles, the two foreigners arrested at Morgantown for carrying high explosives in a Baltimore & Ohio train were fined \$100 each and sent to jail for a year. It is understood that if the fine and costs are paid the jail sentence will be materially reduced. The men pleaded ignorance of the law.

A petition signed by 200 citizens of Bridgeport was filed asking that viewers be appointed to investigate the proposition to free the bridge across the Monongahela river at that point. E. S. Mackney, D. P. Morgan, and Philip Sessler were appointed to meet with the viewers of Washington county.

Attorney George Patterson presented the petition of A. W. Craig asking that his name be stricken from the petition to have the accounts of County Chairman J. R. Byrne and Judge J. Q. Van Swearingen audited. Craig claims that he signed the petition under a misapprehension.

Jesse A. Sterling of Masontown has been appointed a committee in lunacy in the case of Wm. H. H. Ross, who was adjudged insane in 1923.

The application for a charter for the Slavish Hall Association has been held over until a copy of the constitution and by-laws can be furnished. Judge Reppert complimented the objects of the association, but intimated it would be well that future applicants state in their papers that liquor is not to be furnished in or about the hall.

William Coburn, convicted of assaulting S. A. Davidson near Dunbar some months ago, was released from custody this morning. He was warned to leave baseball promoting alone and go to work.

### HOME WEDDING.

Miss Sue Silcox and Edgar R. Himelright Were Quietly Married Tuesday Evening.

Miss Sue Silcox, daughter of Mrs. Mary Silcox, and Edgar R. Himelright, a well known young business man of town, were quietly married Tuesday at the home of the bride on East Apple street. Rev. E. B. Burgess, pastor of the Trinity Lutheran church, officiated.

The bride and groom were unattended. The bride wore a brown traveling gown and carried a large bouquet of sweet peas. Only the members of the two families witnessed the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Himelright left Tuesday for Winchester, Va., to spend their honeymoon with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Y. Himelright.

Takes Horse to Hunt Stolen Hogs. Thieves stole a horse from the barn of F. E. Sangston and the took three hogs from the smoke house of Elmore Franks, both of whom live south of Uniontown. It is supposed they stole the horse with intent to haul away the hogs. Over 1,000 pounds of meat were taken. The horse was later turned loose and found a long road.

The Weekly Courier, \$1.50 a year.

### ALLEGED DYNAMITER HELD.

Three Men Accused of Trying to Wreck "The Bummer" Jailed. The three men accused of trying to dynamite the "Bummer," a Pennsylvania night train, at Woods Run, on the Monongahela division of the P. R. R. at 2 A. M. last Saturday, were taken to Washington, the county seat, where they were given a hearing Tuesday and jailed for court in default of \$500 bail.

They are well known in that section and are about 30 or 35 years old. On Sunday they were arrested by Officer George Marker and others and Detective Henderson assisting in landing them. Their names are Mart Gainer, who has confessed, saying, it is claimed, that he did it to hear what a noise it would make. By his confession he implicates Snyder, Conway and Patrick Carroll, alias "Paddy Wood."

### EXODUS FROM JAIL.

Prisoners Are Sent Away This Morning to Penitentiary and Reform School.

UNIONTOWN, Jan. 2.—There was an exodus from the county jail this morning when a detachment was sent to the Western penitentiary and another crew to the Huntington Reformatory. Another delegation will be sent to the Allegheny county workhouse either tomorrow or Saturday.

Those who went to the penitentiary this morning were Anton Sosterle, who will serve 14 years for the murder of Lawrence Vehr; Joe Castella, five years for attacking Giuseppe Nicolette; Tom Miller, Joe Richer and Charles Hicks, who each got four years for highway robbery.

Those taken to Huntington were Andy Miller, James Clark, Ray Callaghan, James Smith, Alonzo Collins and John Guthrie.

### NAIL IN FOOT.

Sends Pennville Girl to the Hospital. Report for the Month of December.

Miss Nellie Longenecker of Pennville, aged 19 years, is at the Cottage State Hospital as the result of an injury with which she met several days ago. She ran a nail into her right foot which since that time has caused her much pain.

The monthly report of the hospital as given out this morning by Superintendent Miss Mabel Craft, is as follows: Number of patients the beginning of the month, 33; number admitted, 57; number discharged, 23; died, 5; number remaining, 17; outpatients treated 10.

### VETERAN IS DEAD.

Joseph L. McMasters Died at Mid-night After Long Illness.

Joseph L. McMasters, a veteran of the Civil War who has conducted a store at No. 710 North Pittsburgh street for several years, died at midnight after a long illness. He was 71 years of age.

Arrangements for the funeral have not been made. Mr. McMasters is survived by his wife and family of grown children.

### WILL PROBATED.

Mrs. Elmira Wagner Left Everything to Her Daughter.

UNIONTOWN, Jan. 2.—The will of Mrs. Elmira Wagner, late of Bulskin township, was admitted to probate this morning, John O. Koffer of Meyer being appointed administrator. It provides that the house and lot be sold, the proceeds and household goods going to Annie Wagner, a daughter.

### Break Jail Record.

In 1907 all records were broken at the Westmoreland county jail, a total of 2,168 prisoners having been confined in that institution. In 1906 the total number of prisoners admitted was almost 2,000; the year before it was a little over 2,000.

### Slaves Want a Quarter.

The Star Junction Slavish Hall Association's petition to court for charter for their library and reading room was presented, and is being held until it is seen whether the sale of liquor is necessary to the life of the organization.

### Letters Granted.

Squire Allen Carson of Perryopolis has taken out letters of administration in the estate of the late Henry Weimer of Perry township. He died November 26, 1921, leaving but a nominal estate.

### Liederkranz Gives \$50.

At a meeting of the German Liederkranz, held at their hall on Fairview avenue, the members voted to donate \$50 to the families of the victims of the Darr mine explosion.

**Bracing food for steady nerves—**  
**Nutritive food for healthy appetites—**  
**Strengthening food for sturdy muscles—**  
**The most nourishing wheat food**

**Uneeda Biscuit**

**5¢** In moisture and dust proof packages.

**NATIONAL BISCUIT COMPANY**

## Appraisal for Federal Site Is Made by Rockwell Marietta.

**Appointed by United States District Attorney Dunkle and Names \$16,000 for Wallace Lots and \$12,300 for Newmyer Lots as Fair Consideration.**

Another important step was taken Tuesday for the purchase of a site for Connelville's proposed Federal building. Rockwell Marietta, who several days ago accepted the appointment as appraiser on the valuation of the two lots that have been recommended by government officials as a site for the new post-office building, placed a valuation on the lot of Mrs. Katherine Wallace of \$16,000 and \$12,300 on the lot of Mrs. Mary D. Newmyer.

Mr. Marietta's name was one of 12 forwarded some time ago to United States District Attorney John W. Dunkle of Pittsburg. District Attorney Dunkle on December 20 requested

Mr. Marietta to act as appraiser on the lots of Mrs. Wallace and Mrs. Newmyer, located at the corner of Apple and Arch streets. The government is to acquire by purchase or condemnation proceedings these two lots. Before entering condemnation proceedings, and to avoid the same, if possible, the government wishes to make an offer of the fair value to each of the owners of the lots and in order to intelligently make this proposition they first have the properties valued by some person familiar with real estate values in Connelville. The person appraising the property agrees to testify as to his valuation before the viewers.

If the owners of the lots accept the offer of the government the appointment and work of the viewers will be simplified and the work of securing the building for Connelville will be greatly facilitated and hastened. Congressman A. F. Cooper is anxious to push the matter of an increase to the \$20,000 appropriation made by the last Congress for a Federal building site in Connelville. The government map, it is seen, increases the valuation named for the properties by Mr. Marietta. The latter's figures, however, are generally conceded by real estate men and persons familiar with values in Connelville to be very fair.

### SHERIFF APPOINTEES

**Announced Yesterday Afternoon When Sheriff Johns Was Sworn In.**

### DECKER REMAINS AS DEPUTY

While All the Other Appointees Are New—Sheriff Johns Increases His Force and Will Have Warden Live in the County Jail.

UNIONTOWN, Jan. 1.—Sheriff P. A. Johns yesterday afternoon received his commission from the State Department at Harrisburg and was sworn in at the Register and Recorder's office. Sheriff Johns, then announced his appointees, all of whom are new with the exception of his held deputy, S. B. Decker of Connelville, who has so competently filled the position for Sheriff M. A. Kiefer. He is retained by Sheriff Johns. W. J. Sturgis, an attorney, Frank Harader, turnkey, and Robert Powell, chief clerk, are succeeded by new appointees. Sheriff Johns' appointments are as follows:

Attorney to the Sheriff, Leo Smith, Uniontown.

Chief Clerk, Harry W. Byrne, Elmhurst.

Field Deputy, S. B. Decker, Connelville.

Jail Warden, John R. Bungard, Saltlick township.

Turnkey John A. Hobb, North Union township No. 3.

Night Turnkey and Watchman, W. B. Cunningham, Catonsville.

Sheriff Johns and his force will take charge of the Sheriff's office on Monday morning.

Harry W. Byrne, the new chief clerk, is a young man about 25 years old, who has been employed for some time with the Tower Hill-Connelville Coke Company. He is a son of Republican County Chairman John R. Byrne. Decker, the field deputy, has three years' experience and is well spoken of for his excellent work during the term of Sheriff Kiefer.

John A. Bungard, a well known resident of Saltlick, will be the first Fayette county jail warden who was not also Sheriff. Bungard is a farmer and is held in high esteem. He will move his family into the warden's residence in the jail the first of the next week. Sheriff Johns will not move his family into the jail residence.

John A. Hehl, the new turnkey, has been a coke worker for many years and is the inventor of a coke drawing machine. Cunningham, who is to be night turnkey and watchman, another new position created by Sheriff Johns, has been a carpenter at Oliver. He was a soldier during the Spanish war and his appointment is accepted as an excellent one.

### HOTEL CHANGES HANDS

Rush Boys Buy the West End Hotel at Uniontown for About \$25,000.

Springer Todd, the popular Uniontown hotel man, has closed a deal whereby he disposes of the West End Hotel at Uniontown to Frank C. Rush and Arthur Rush. The consideration for the lease and fixtures is the neighborhood of \$25,000. The change will be effective May 1 this year.

Frank C. Rush is well known throughout the county. For some time he has been conducting a general store in Farmington, on the National Pike in Wharton township. Arthur Rush has been in business in Uniontown for some time. Springer Todd has been proprietor of the West End Hotel for about three years. His plans for the future have not been announced.

### THOMAS NAMED

By the County Commissioners for Another Term as Mercantile Appraiser of Fayette Co.

The County Commissioners have re-elected E. Jackson Thomas of Uniontown Mercantile Appraiser for the ensuing year. There was a big field of candidates, but the selection narrowed down during the past few days between Thomas and Ash F. Williams, who recently ceased to be clerk to the Commissioners. Mr. Thomas received two votes on the first ballot, those of Commissioner M. E. Townsend and John S. Graham. A. J. Stontz was opposed to Mr. Thomas. It is required under the law that this appointment be made by the Commissioners every year in December. The taking of definite action was postponed until the last minute.

Mr. Thomas was formerly a member of the Republican County Committee from Henry Clay township. He now lives on Connelville street, Uniontown.

### Many Violent Deaths.

There were 292 violent deaths in Washington county during 1907. Coal mine accidents were responsible for 85. Coroner Sipe says 85 of the miners met death through the direct fault of no one.

### Will Vote on Cash Tax.

The citizens and taxpayers of South Union township had a petition presented and leave granted to vote on the cash road tax proposition at the February election.

### Curtis Elegg a Candidate.

Curtis Elegg has announced himself a candidate for delegate from the 12nd Congressional district to the next Democratic Convention, which meets next July 7 in Denver, Col.

### CARROLL APPOINTED

Referee in Bankruptcy by Judge Ewing to Succeed Judge J. Q. Van Swearingen.

The announcement has been made of the appointment of Attorney J. G. Carroll to be referee in bankruptcy in Fayette county. The appointment was made by Judge Nathaniel Ewing of the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

J. G. Van Swearingen, Esq., was the former referee in bankruptcy for Fayette county, but another had to be appointed upon his election to the bench. Judge Van Swearingen discharged the duties of referee to the satisfaction of the bar and the court ever since the present bankruptcy law went into effect.

Mr. Carroll was born in Wharton township. He is a member of an old and respected family of Fayette county. Though still a young man, he has been a member of the bar since 1923.

### R. F. SAMPLE ILL.

Well Known Resident of Uniontown Suffers Serious Eye Affliction.

UNIONTOWN, Dec. 30.—Dr. W. R. Jamison, an eye specialist of Greensburg, and Dr. O. R. Alkman, of Uniontown, have made an examination of the eyes of Robert F. Sample, one of the proprietors of the Gallatin Hotel, and have discovered that he is suffering from a severe case of trititis.

Mr. Sample's eyes have been bandaged and he will be compelled to remain in his room for two or three weeks.

### DIRECT FROM PARIS.

Parisian Sage, the Great French Hair Restorer Now Made in the United States.

Dr. Groux's famous hair restorer, the most efficient hair tonic in the world and used extensively throughout France and other parts of Europe is now being made in the United States. This action was taken to save the heavy import duty and today Parisian Sage is offered to the people of America at only 50 cents a bottle.

A. A. Clarke has been appointed agent for this city and is pleased to recommend Parisian Sage as a most delightful hair dressing.

Parisian Sage makes the hair lustrous and luxuriant. It is especially recommended where children's hair is coarse and untidy. It thickens the eyebrows and strengthens the eyelashes. Price 50 cents a bottle. If you do not live near a druggist, write to Parisian Sage, the Groux Mfg. Co., Buffalo, N. Y., will send you a bottle, charges prepaid for 50 cents.

## ADVANCE IN PRICE OF BEER ANNOUNCED BY THE BREWERS.

**The Landlords in Fayette County Must Now Pay Fifty Cents a Barrel More for the Amber Fluid.**

### MEAGRE IDENTIFICATION.

Victims of Holdups Not Positive of Their Man.

Dr. J. L. Cochran of Star Junction and several men who were held up and robbed near Star Junction last Saturday night, were in Uniontown on Wednesday to have a look at John Russell, who was arrested, charged with complicity in the holdups. All said that Russell resembled the thug, but they would not positively identify him.

Russell's hearing is fixed for tomorrow week. An old charge of pointing firearms at Smock, entered a year ago, is held against Russell and an effort will be made to hold him on that.

A hearing in the cases of the two men arrested charged with robbing the aged Yaeger couple last week will be held on Tuesday afternoon.

### DINNER FOR CLERKS

Given on New Year's Eve by W. H. Cochran.

DAWSON, Jan. 2.—Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Cochran gave a dinner party for the clerks of W. H. Cochran & Company on New Year's Eve. The dinner was an elaborate six course affair.

The decorations were carried out in the Christmas colors, mingled with sweet peas and carnations, and lasted from 9 until 10.30, after which the guests amused themselves with games of various kinds and music until 2 A. M.

Then they departed for their homes, wishing their employer and family a happy New Year.

### USED BOILING WATER.

Queer Method Used by Revengeful Foreigners at Continental.

UNIONTOWN, Dec. 30.—A foreigner whose name cannot be learned was the victim of fiendish revenge at Continental No. 3 a few nights ago and officers are looking for the perpetrators of the deed. They refuse to disclose any names until the offenders have been brought to justice.

The unfortunate foreigner displeased his friends in some manner and they resented it by throwing boiling water over him. The man was badly burned about the breast and arms and is in a serious condition.

### WILL USE FERRY

Over Yough at West Newton Till Bridge is Built.

The citizens of Westmoreland county have determined to buy the private ferry, now operating on the Yough, on account of the interruption of bridge communication, improve it with steam and charge the same to the Penn Bridge Company, which has had, since spring the contract to erect a new bridge.

The bridge, which ought to have been completed months ago, is not available. It has been beset with many difficulties, including a bit of dynamiting and a washout of the temporary foot structure.

Send in your subscription for The Weekly Courier.

### HOTEL MEN ARE RATHER SORE

And the Consumer is Likely to Get Smaller Glasses for His Nibble or the Big Ones Will Have Larger Collars Hereafter.

Shorter glasses of beer, or the big ones with large collars, may become popular in Fayette county, for the brewers have quietly but determinedly increased the price of the amber fluid to wholesalers, 50 cents per barrel which means that the barrels will be called upon to reach 10 glasses farther with the trade. Whether they will or not will be up to the jolly bartender. It will be impossible to raise the time-honored price of beer from 5 cents a glass, and the only means for getting around the increase in price will be for the hotel men to quietly instruct the bartenders to allow their beer to flow swiftly into the glasses and when the foam reaches the top to "shut her off quick."

The brewers have been contemplating the increase in the price of beer for some time. In fact, it is said, that at nearly all the meetings of the Fayette County Brewers' Association this has been the topic of discussion. For a long time, it is said, the Pittsburg Brewing Company was anxious to make the increase in the price, but the Fayette county brewers, who have increased in number and are now strong rivals, were opposed to doing it. They finally came into the fold and now beer is \$7.00 per barrel instead of \$6.50.

Hotel men who do not own any brewery stock are sore over the increase in price, claiming that the increase is not warranted and especially at this time, when business has been very much below the average, and when prices and wages generally are coming down instead of going up. No announcement has been made of an increase in prices for keg beer or case beer. It is presumed by many that there will be no increase in this size packages, as they are already well priced.

### WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT

Of Miss Dona Snyder and Howard Lohm, Both of Dawson.

Announcement has been made of the marriage of Miss Dona Snyder and Howard Lohm, a well known couple of Dawson. They were married in Cumberland on September 16, 1924. This comes as a surprise to their many young friends. Miss Snyder was formerly employed in Leche's store at Connelville and is well known.

Mr. Lohm is employed by the P. & L. E. railroad and holds the position of Chief Clerk at the Dickinson Run yard office. They will go to house-keeping at once in Dawson. Their friends wish them a long and happy life.

### Begin Laying Rails.

The Pittsburg and Westmoreland Railway Company has started track laying from Cope's hill to the Irwin thorough line.

## Good Pure Liquors for the HOLIDAYS

I am Lewis, the Family Liquor Man. I offer only such whiskeys, wines and liquors as I would serve on my own table. And I know what good liquor is. Now, the Holidays are coming. They're almost here. If ever you want the good "Samson Pure" article, it is when your friends come in and dine with you. Then there's puddings and sauces and breaded mince pies and all those good things that are so good when there's the right "snack" to them. This is the time when the "flavoring extracts" take a back seat. All the old-fashioned recipes (which beat the new-fangled ones all hollow) call for something better. But it must be the best, and the best liquor money can buy doesn't cost such a lot. My goods are absolutely the best—and look at the prices:

### SPECIAL HOLIDAY OFFERS:

COMBINATION No. 1	COMBINATION No. 2
2 quarts D. J. Lewis' Special Rye	2 quarts Rye
1 " Cognac Brandy	1 " Holland or Old Tom Gin
1 " Fine Old Port Wine, Sherry, Claret, or Catawba (sour), your choice.	1 " Old Port Wine, Sherry, Claret, or Catawba (sour), your choice.
Special Holiday Price, Express prepaid East of the Mississippi River.....	Special Holiday Price, Express prepaid East of the Mississippi River.....
<b>\$3.20</b>	<b>\$3.20</b>

COMBINATION No. 3
4 quarts of any of the following shipped to any address East of the Mississippi River, Express prepaid.....
<b>\$3.20</b>
Make your own selection: Lewis' Special Rye, Malt Whiskey, Cognac Brandy, Apple Brandy (Apple Jack), Apricot Brandy, Peach Brandy, Treaster Brandy, Holland Gin, Old Tom Gin, Kummel, Rock & Rye, Rum.
Special Holiday rates on 12 bottles, your choice of the above in any way you want it, shipped Freight charges prepaid anywhere East of the Mississippi River.....
<b>\$8.00</b>
Lots of people wait until the last minute and then buy most anything with a label on it. Don't do that. Sit right down now while there is plenty of time and make up your order carefully. I will ship it the next day after your letter reaches me. Address me just like this:

**David J. Lewis, South Sharon, Pa.**

"The Family Liquor Man"



## AUDITED ACCOUNTS BEFORE JUDGE WORK

**Distribution of Funds Made  
in Various Estates of  
Long Standing.**

### TESTIMONY HAD BEEN TAKEN

In Nearly Every Instance Judge Work Himself Had Prepared the Schedules of Distribution From the Evidence Submitted to Him.

UNIONTOWN, Jan. 2.—An important session of Orphans' Court was held before Judge Work this morning when a number of long standing accounts were distributed. In nearly every instance testimony had already been taken and the schedules were prepared by Judge Work himself from the evidence submitted. Before the close of the session Judge Work announced that the audit list set for January 9 has been postponed until the following Monday, January 12.

Attorney Lee Smith presented a petition in the estate of James G. Corristan, who died at Oniopolis in 1893, leaving a widow and four minor children as heirs. There has been no settlement of this estate. Judge Work approved the agreement with Mrs. Adley Kennedy that she take one of the properties on condition that each of the other heirs be paid \$50 and that Mrs. Kennedy transfer her interests in the remaining properties to the other heirs.

Charles W. Keys and Grace M. Keys were directed to distribute the estate of the late Andrew Keys according to the schedule submitted. This estate is valued at \$5,000.

A balance on hand of \$1,338.06 was reported by James C. Munson, executor and trustee of the estate of Melville Reisher of North Union township, who died in 1885. The report of money advanced the heirs was confirmed and the estate divided accordingly to the schedule prepared.

E. D. Miller and C. M. Miller reported a balance of \$2,447.34 on hand in the estate of Jesse Miller, who died in 1872. It was ordered to be distributed.

Administrator R. V. Ritenour was authorized to divide the \$449.58 remaining of the estate of Mary F. Ritenour of near Oniopolis.

## YEAR'S WEATHER.

Some Statistics of Interest Compiled By Observer William Hunt of Uniontown.

UNIONTOWN, Jan. 2.—The total precipitation of rainfall in Uniontown for the year 1907 was 47.66 inches, according to the records kept by Weather Observer William Hunt from the months February to December, inclusive. The rainfall of 1906 was 41.29 inches. March had the largest rainfall of any of the months with 7.51 inches, while April had the least with 2.60. The normal rainfall for one year is about 42 inches.

The rainfall of the year, compared with the precipitation of 1906, by months, was as follows:

Month	1906	1907
January	2.97	1.88
February	7.34	4.85
March	2.80	7.51
April	4.04	2.60
May	4.70	3.95
June	4.41	2.00
July	8.22	2.09
August	4.07	2.09
September	5.08	2.67
October	5.83	1.47
November	5.32	3.42
December	4.76	4.29

The year was, as a whole, damp, characterized by heavy rains. There were no drouths or continued cold spells, although the summer was unusually cool. There were also an unusual number of mountain storms during the fall.

The coldest day of the year was February 7 when the mercury stood at 5 degrees below zero. The warmest day of the year was June 23 when the maximum temperature recorded was 91. The maximum and minimum temperature recorded for each month is as follows: February, 34 and 5 below; March, 84, 21; April, 79, 17; May, 85, 31; June, 91, 42; July, 89, 49; August, 87, 44; September, 86, 59; October, 75, 26; November, 67, 19; December, 67, 15. Thus March had the widest range of temperature, the difference between the maximum and the minimum being 63 degrees.

In recording and publishing the weather reports from the various sections of the country, the United States Department of Agriculture issues each month the "Climatical Service," in which appear in tabulated form the reports as sent in by the various weather observers. The information from Fayette county is furnished by Local Observer William Hunt. The Pennsylvania section of the book is under the supervision of T. F. Townsend, while the whole volume is under the direction of Willis L. Moore, of the Weather Bureau at Washington, D. C. The information imparted is most interesting and useful.

### New Addition.

A new addition to be used as a kitchen is being built to the rear of the First Presbyterian church. Work on the new addition is rapidly progressing.

## AFTERNOON CARD PARTY

Given at the Home of Mrs. J. D. Madigan Yesterday.

An afternoon card party was given Thursday by Mrs. J. D. Madigan and daughter, Mrs. J. L. Dixon, and Mrs. Emma Soisson at the home of Mrs. Madigan on East Fairview avenue. The house was from 2 until 5:30 o'clock. Five hundred was the game played and 12 tables were called into requisition during the afternoon. Red and green were the colors used in the decorations.

At the close of the games the prize was awarded to Mrs. C. W. Hayes, while each guest was presented with a hand painted favor. About 5 o'clock cards were laid aside to partake of a charmingly appointed luncheon. Fifty guests were present. The out of town guests present were Mrs. F. J. Stader, Mrs. John Giligan, Miss Alice Toner and Mrs. John Murphy, Latrobe; Mrs. M. Foley and Miss Weikland of Meyersdale, and Mrs. J. P. K. Miller and Mrs. John Brennan of Scottsdale.

## FREIGHT PILES UP IN RAILROAD YARDS

**Only the High Class Ton-  
age Being Moved  
Promptly.**

### SMALL PAY FOR THE MONTH

Men Have Lost Much Time on Account of Retrenchment and Checks Will Be Far Below the Average. Same All Over the Road.

Railroad men say that there are 250 cars of freight in the local yards awaiting movement, but that only the most urgent freight is being carried to destination over the Baltimore & Ohio railroad. All railroads agree that the January pay will be the smallest in many years on the Connellsville Division. The frequent suspension of freight service that has occurred since Christmas, and the curtailment of shop work, will cut the pay roll extremely low. The railroad men expect but little work before the 15th of the month. Instead of the call boys now having to search for men, they are constantly required to tell them "how many times they are out."

One regular man this morning, who began thinking it was nearly his turn to get a run, was told that he was No. 28 on the list. At the rate men are being called he has almost a week's vacation ahead of him, and it's after Christmas, too.

Local freight business was never duller, and Agent W. H. Towzly was compelled this week to dispense with two clerks at the local offices and eight freight handlers. Besides this there have been several half holidays. The amount of local freight is extremely small, and this taken in connection with the small amount of coal and coke traffic makes business very dull. The same conditions prevail all over the road. Cumberland has suffered severely from the curtailment in the freight business and layoff days over there have been more frequent than here.

## ASSEMBLY BALL

Was Attended in New Haven Auditorium Friday by Over Sixty Couples.

One of the largest and most brilliant social functions held here for some time was the assembly dance held Friday evening in the New Haven auditorium under the committee of H. O. Markle and Paul Dick. Over 60 couples were present including many of the younger social set as well as the students home from college, which with the smart gowning of the ladies presented a very pretty and attractive scene. The decorations were red and green. The balcony and pillars were artistically decorated in bunting and Christmas greens, while depending at intervals from the ceiling and chandeliers were large Christmas balls. The floor and chairs were covered with white crash while a large canopy was erected from the pavement to the auditorium.

The affair was handsomely appointed in every way, nothing being left undone by the committee in charge to make the event the social success that it was. Dancing commenced at 9 o'clock and was indulged in until 2 o'clock. Music was furnished by Thompson's orchestra of Uniontown.

Many out of town guests were present, among whom were Misses Jean Robinson, Mary Hogsett, Mabel Witt, Della Barnes, Helen Eastman, Miss Hopwood, Clark Chisom, O'Neil Kennedy, Emerson Hews, Albert Husted and Dr. Howard of Uniontown; Ralph Husband and Miss Irene Husband of Mt. Pleasant; J. W. Peters of Pittsburgh, Miss Helen Overholt and Messrs. Rohr and Gubbard of Scottsdale.

Miss Cozette Spence, Roscoe Hough, Henry Brooks, Uniontown; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Kurtz and Clarence McGill, Dawson; Miss Morrow, Wilkinsburg; Miss Townsend, Beaver Falls, and Ralph Loucks, Scottsdale.

### Smithfield Boy Held Up.

Homeboy Roderick, a young man of Smithfield, was waylaid and robbed of \$46 along the railroad on his way home from Fairbance Thursday evening.

## NEW YEAR RECEPTION.

**Brilliant Affair at the Y. M.  
C. A. Building Wednesday  
Night.**

### VARIOUS ATTRACTIONS THERE.

Rooms Were Crowded Throughout the Hours of the Reception and Guests Appeared Highly Pleased With the Entire Entertainment.

The annual reception of the Young Men's Christian Association Wednesday afternoon and evening was a decided success in every respect. The building was brilliantly lighted and decorated for the occasion while other things were planned and executed for the benefit of the guests. The rooms were crowded throughout the day. In the afternoon, from 2 to 5, the children had their linings and comprised the majority of those entertained. In the evening the affair was largely attended.

There were performances in the gymnasium by the various classes, followed by a few exciting basketball games. In the auditorium the Ladies' Auxiliary served lunch, while the Y. M. C. A. orchestra furnished music for the occasion. Mrs. Herbert Knox sang, accompanied by Mrs. C. W. Simpson.

The educational exhibit on the third floor was one of the most interesting features of the affair. Several hundred people attended the reception.

## DOUBLE SURPRISE

Given Thursday Evening at Pennsville for Birthday.

PENNSVILLE, Jan. 2.—Mrs. C. H. Stouffer gave a double surprise party on Thursday evening in honor of her husband's 48th birthday, and also as a surprise for her daughter, Miss Mary. The out of town guests present were Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Newingham, Mr. and Mrs. Blackie and Mr. and Mrs. William Iams of Scottsdale; Miss Matie Slater and brother William, Misses Lou and Margaret Baisley, Miss Debra Davis, Miss Rose Herbert, Miss Martie Raymond, James Edmundo, George Livingston, Joseph McClelland, John Hart and Earl Longenecker, of Meyer; Miss Grace Means and brothers George and Rainer, of East Connelville; Miss Fry Beaver of Bellview and Everett Collins of Vandergrift, Pa.

Mr. Stouffer received a number of beautiful and handsome presents and all who were there enjoyed themselves to the fullest extent.

## MRS. BRANTHOVER

Died Saturday at the Home of Daughter, Mrs. W. H. Thomas, in New Haven.

Mrs. Mary Branthover, aged 76 years, widow of the late Henry Branthover of Scottsdale, died this morning shortly before 9 o'clock at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. H. Thomas, Main street, New Haven. Death was due to a complication of diseases. Funeral Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Thomas residence. Rev. A. J. Ashe, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church, assisted by Rev. W. A. Edis, pastor of the First Presbyterian church officiated. Following the services the funeral party left for Scottsdale on a special street car, where the interment took place.

Mrs. Branthover was the daughter of the late Thomas and Elizabeth Storer. She was born and reared at Elizabeth, Pa. She was married to Henry Branthover, a resident at that time of Salem, Westmoreland county. Soon after their marriage they went to Scottsdale, where Mr. Branthover died in 1890. Mrs. Branthover resided there after her husband's death up until two years ago, when she came to New Haven to live with her daughter, Mrs. Thomas. Mrs. Branthover had been in failing health for some time. She had been confined to her room for the past two weeks. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Scottsdale and always took an active part in church work up until late years, when she was prevented from attending regularly owing to ill health.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Elizabeth Marchand of Morgantown, W. Va., Mrs. W. H. Thomas of New Haven, and one son, Frank M. Branthover, of Atlantic City. Two brothers, Thomas Storer of Brownsville and William Storer of Monongahela City, also survive.

## MISS FRANCIS DEAD.

Aged Woman Expired at Her Baldwin Avenue Home This Morning. Buried Tomorrow.

Miss Phoebe Ann Francis, a well known resident of Connelville, died Saturday at the home of her sister, Mrs. Margaret Johnson, on Baldwin avenue, after a long illness. Miss Francis was 68 years of age.

Funeral services were held on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. A. L. Funk of the United Brethren church officiating. The body was interred in Chestnut Hill cemetery.

The Weekly Courier, \$1.50 a year.

## MISS TORMAY ENTERTAINS

Twenty School Friends at Trotter Home Wednesday.

Miss Kathryn Tormay, delightfully entertained 20 of her school friends Wednesday at her home at Trotter. The affair was marked by many pretty appointments and the decorations were carried out in keeping with the Yuletide season. Various games helped to make the evening a most enjoyable one until 11 o'clock, when a dainty repast was served. The place cards were daintily hand painted miniature Christmas balls.

The guests included students from St. Aloysius' Academy at New Lexington, O., where the hostess is a student from St. Vincent's at Latrobe. Miss Anna King of Scottsdale was an out of town guest.

## STUDENTS ENTERTAIN.

A. M. Fuller Gives His Annual Treat to the Schools of Perryopolis.

PERRYOPOLIS, Jan. 3.—The last term of the High School opened Monday with every student present. A number of the patrons of last year's bulletin have written for a reserved space this year.

The New Year's treat donated by A. M. Fuller was distributed Wednesday evening in the High School auditorium before a large audience. The treat of a handsome pound box of candy and an orange reached every child in town regardless of age. The program rendered before Santa made his appearance was extremely interesting and appropriate.

The Thespian program rendered last night in the High School auditorium was one of merit and the large number present were much pleased. Following was the program:

Song, Scripture reading, Lord's prayer, minutes of the last society, installation of new officers, President's inaugural address, Melburn Jones; music, orchestra; recitation, Nellie Haller; oration, William O'Neil; solo, Marie Carson; quotation class, impromptu, J. Clyde Drum; essay, Alice Inlow; drill, P. H. S. girls; song, Edgar Hixenbaugh; vocal duet, Nellie M. Brallier and Martha Harris; recitation, Zella Lynn; oration, Ray Chabault; piano duet, Zella Lynn and Ethel Lowe; debate, "Resolved, That the Government of the United States Should Own and Control the Telegraph and Telephone," affirmative, Walter Townsend and Cecil Salow; negative, Allen Scriven and Edgar Hixenbaugh; Searchlight, Martha Harris; critic's remarks, Prof. Snyder; collection, song.

The High School students had a surprise party on Prof. Snyder Monday evening, when they presented him with a handsome rooster. The library lectures yesterday afternoon in the library by Flora Carson and John Corde were very interesting and instructive.

The Indian club drill demonstrated by the girls last evening was pleasing to the eye, as all we have of worth is our health and character. It proved that the High School girls here is well, have preserved their health by a system of exercises harmonious with educational development.

## JOHN BISHOP DEAD.

A Well Known Resident of Connelville Expired in the Uniontown Hospital.

John Bishop, well known about town died Thursday in the Uniontown hospital, aged 58 years. Deceased had been in ill health for some time, and about ten days ago his brothers had him removed to the hospital at Uniontown, where dropsy developed and the heart became affected, causing his death. Mr. Bishop was a stationary engineer and for many years ran the engines at the old National locomotive works in New Haven. Of later years he has not been able to continue at his trade.

Deceased was a son of the late Gen. Bishop, one of the pioneers of Connelville. He was the oldest son of the family, the following brothers and sisters surviving him: Samuel Bishop, W. A. Bishop, A. W. Bishop, Chas. Bishop and Mrs. Grant Myers. He is also survived by his widow and the following children: Lewis, Charles and Wallace Bishop of Connelville, and Roy Bishop of Chicago, Mrs. Edward Craddock of Woodlawn, Ala., and Mrs. Thomas First of Scottsdale. His wife, Mrs. Dorcas Bishop, daughter of the late George W. Shaw, also survives him.

## ANOTHER HOTEL.

Removed That Big Structure is to be Erected in Uniontown—Property is Leased.

UNIONTOWN, Jan. 2.—It is reported here that another big hotel is to be erected here within the next few months. It will be located on Gallatin avenue, between Penn street and Rodstone creek.

The property of John Gallagher, having a frontage of 200 feet, has been leased and Gallagher has notified his tenants to vacate by April 1. It is not known who is back of the movement, but the rumor comes from a reliable source that a big hotel building is to be erected on the site.

A Ban on Loading. The police at Uniontown have placed a ban on loading.

## A LIBRARIAN CHOSEN.

**Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Daigh  
to Take Charge of  
Carnegie.**

### COMES HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.

Has Had Experience in Public Library at Champaign, Ill., New York City and is Graduate of Drexel Institute. Has Good References.

Mary Elizabeth Daigh has been appointed Librarian of the Carnegie Library of Connelville by the Trustees and is expected in Connelville from her home in Amherst, Mass., this week. She will assume charge of the library at once. Mrs. Daigh comes to Connelville highly recommended to the Trustees. She has had considerable experience in public libraries. Mrs. Daigh first took up library work at the public library of Champaign, Ill. She served there for some time as assistant and then took a course in Library Science at Drexel Institute, Philadelphia, from which institution she graduated and from which she bears highly creditable letters. Following her graduation Mrs. Daigh returned to Champaign, where she was appointed assistant in the public library and later was appointed Librarian in charge.

Mrs. Daigh went to New York, where she was appointed to a place in the Circulating Department of one of New York City's public libraries. In addition to her duties in the library she was also employed to lecture before teachers and advanced grade pupils in the New York City public schools. Mrs. Daigh retained her place in New York up to the time she accepted the offer of an appointment by the Carnegie Library Trustees in Connelville, and comes direct from her home in Amherst, Mass., where she has been on a holiday vacation.

## A SURE THING.

Practically Positive That Addition to Railroad Men Will Be Built to Y. M. C. A.

Visions of bowling alleys, pool rooms and other additions to the present facilities have been conjured before the members of the Young Men's Christian Association since it has been turned that an addition to their present building is to be erected in the near future. Although a rumor to this effect gained circulation a few days ago, it has just been learned definitely that the Baltimore & Ohio railroad is willing to enter into the scheme to provide a branch in connection with the local Association for the benefit of railroad men.

The Railroad Y. M. C. A. is an important auxiliary to the regular body. It has brought thousands of men into the sphere of Association work, and is always encouraged by the railroad.

It is understood that a good sized addition will be built in the rear of the present building. Although the railroad branch will probably be considered entirely separate from the regular organization, it is understood that the facilities and benefits of each will be at the disposal of the other.

### HELD FOR COURT.

Mike Means Must Answer to Larceny Charge.

UNIONTOWN, Jan. 4.—At a hearing before Squire Boyle this morning Mike Means was held for court to answer a charge of larceny preferred by Miss Tillie Hanford, a Point Marion school teacher.

During the recent Teachers' Institute Miss Hanford lost her pocketbook containing \$25. Means later returned it, but is charged with subtracting \$15 of the roll.

New West Penn Counsel. Attorney L. B. Brownfield has been chosen as counsel for the West Penn Railways Company in Fayette county to succeed Judge J. Q. Van Swearingen, who goes on the Common Pleas bench.

The Weekly Courier \$1.50 a year.

All lamp troubles are done away with when GOOD OIL is used  
**FAMILY FAVORITE OIL**

gives the highest possible efficiency in light without any of the troubles of ordinary kerosene oil.

By the most careful process known all the heavy paraffine and light-destrating substances are removed and all the volatile oils evaporated, leaving just the pure illuminant—Family Favorite.

No better is made Ask your dealer

**WAVERLY OIL WORKS**  
Independent Refiners  
OILS FOR ALL PURPOSES  
Pittsburgh, Pa.  
BOOKLET SENT FREE



## Turn the Wick

as high as you can—there's no danger—as low as you please—there's no smell. That's because the smokeless device prevents smoke or smell—that means a steady flow of glowing heat for every ounce of fuel burned in a

## PERFECTION Oil Heater

(Equipped with Smokeless Device)

You can carry it about and care for it just as easily as a lamp. Brass oil font holds 4 quarts burning 9 hours. Handsomely finished in japan and nickel. Every heater warranted.

The **Rayo Lamp** adds cheeriness to the long winter evenings. Steady, brilliant light to read, sew or knit by. Made of brass, nickel plated, latest improved central draft burner. Every lamp warranted. If your dealer cannot supply Perfection Oil Heater or Rayo Lamp write our nearest agency for descriptive circular.

**ATLANTIC REFINING CO.**  
(Incorporated)



## P. R. R. IMPROVEMENTS

Will be Extensive in the Vicinity of Greensburg.

Among the various improvements of the Pennsylvania railroad company, which in all probability will be constructed after some of the more costly improvements now under way are completed, is the reconstruction of facilities in and contiguous to Greensburg.

This is the only part of the main line system where two tracks are depended upon to look after the immense traffic. Plans have been drawn and revised a number of times, with a view of putting in two additional tracks, changing the grades and building new terminal facilities. The present plans call for a new station costing in the neighborhood of \$80,000, the construction of two additional tracks for a distance of over a half a mile and many other measures of improvement.

## SOCIAL UNION.

Members of the First Baptist Church at the Home of Mrs. Ira Beall.

The regular monthly meeting of the Social Union of the First Baptist church was held Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Beall on Murphy avenue. The attendance was large and a most enjoyable evening was spent by those present. In the absence of O. B. Purinton, President of the Union, S. B. Dull presided.

The usual routine business was transacted, after which the following program was carried out: Vocal duet, Joseph Dixon and Sue Stahl; recitation, Odell Evans; vocal solos, Joseph Dixon and Sue Stahl; piano solo, Miss Pearl DeVoe; piano solo, Miss Mabel Shortt.

### MARRIED IN PITTSBURG.

Son of Captain John Hartigan Takes a Smoky City Bride. Frank Hartigan of New Kensington, formerly of Mt. Pleasant, and a son of Captain John Hartigan, the former well known B. & O. conductor, was married in Pittsburgh Thursday to Miss Eva Hockenberry.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. K. Hockenberry. Mr. Hartigan is now engaged in the hotel business in New Kensington.

## INCREASED CRIME IN FAYETTE CO.

Records of the Jail for Three Years Past Show More Offenders.

SHERIFF FROCK HAD 68

Inmates When He Turned His Office Over to M. A. Kiefer While the Latter Donates 265 to P. A. Johns—The Jail List by Months.

UNIONTOWN, Jan. 2.—According to figures which have been compiled from the books of the Sheriff's office crime has greatly increased in Fayette county during the past several years. When ex-Sheriff S. E. Frock turned his office over to M. A. Kiefer, three years ago, there were 68 inmates of the county jail. When Sheriff Johns takes his place he will get 266 inmates from Sheriff Kiefer.

Below is given a list of the prisoners on the jail record by months during the past three years. Each month's figures include the holdovers prisoners of the month previous, and cannot be accepted as an accurate record of the number committed to jail. The figures are interesting and give an idea of the proportionate increase in crime in business. Following is the list:

	1905	1906	1907
January	115	184	208
February	152	150	190
March	181	181	217
April	178	184	219
May	165	178	265
June	250	329	314
July	190	209	264
August	213	216	280
September	265	252	318
October	152	215	245
November	149	164	233
December	188	190	208

Washington County Expenses. Washington county during 1907 expended for witness fees \$10,456.42; jurors, \$17,623.15; jail expenses, \$9,609.21; light and heat, \$10,388.14; bridge building, \$5,139.86; bridge maintenance, \$9,941.59; primaries, \$8,652.20; elections, \$16,513.37; road construction, \$12,051.01; damages by dogs, \$5,183.31. The total expenses were \$379,483.55.

Agree on Light Question. Uniontown borough and the West Penn Lighting Company have agreed on a lighting contract at \$70 per lamp.

## One trial will convince you that Sloan's Liniment

will relieve soreness and stiffness quicker and easier than any other preparation sold for that purpose.

It penetrates to the bone, quickens the blood, drives away fatigue and gives strength and elasticity to the muscles.

Thousands use Sloan's Liniment for rheumatism, neuralgia, footache, sprains, contracted muscles, stiff joints, cuts, bruises, burns, cramp or colic and insect stings.

PRICE 25¢, 50¢ & \$1.00

Dr. Earl S. Sloan, Boston, Mass., U.S.A.





**The Weekly Courier.**

Entered as second-class matter at the postoffice, Connelville, Pa.

**THE COURIER COMPANY,**

Publishers.  
The Daily Courier,  
The Weekly Courier.

H. F. STYDELL,  
President and Managing Editor.  
J. H. S. STYDELL,  
Secretary and Treasurer.

Office, The Courier Building, 127½ Main Street, Connelville, Pa.

**SUBSCRIPTION.**  
Daily, \$2.00 per year, 10 per copy.  
Weekly, \$1.50 per year, 50 per copy.  
WEDNESDAY MORNING, JAN. 8, '20.

**COAL ASSESSMENTS****IN WESTMORELAND COUNTY.**

The decision of the Westmoreland Court reducing coal assessments in that county \$70 per acre is more intelligent in its definitions than equitable in its deductions. It pretends its findings of facts and law with the following interesting exposition of the lawful manner of making and revising assessments:

"The law requires property to be assessed at its fair market value. The duty of the assessor is to value every piece of land at the price which he shall, after due examination and consideration, believe the same would sell for, if sold singly and separately at a bona fide sale, after due public notice. And the duty of the Commissioners is to examine the returns of the Assessors and 'inquire whether the same have been made in conformity with law and whether all property to be valued for taxation has been valued at a sum or price not less than the same would bring after full public notice, at a public sale, supposing each separate tract of land, with the improvements, were to be sold.' The duty of the Commissioners, as plainly directed by the Act of Assembly, is to revise, correct and equalize the valuations of all property taxable by law.

"Any owner of real estate aggrieved by the action of the Commissioners is entitled to an appeal to the Court of Common Pleas, which is empowered 'to make such orders and decrees touching the matter complained of as to the judges of said Court may seem just and equitable, having due regard to the valuation and assessment made of other real estate in said county, and to secure, so far as possible, uniformity and equalization of values.' The Court makes it plain that it hears and determines such complaints only as are based on alleged excessive and unreasonable valuations. In practice, it never has any other kind. But the Court assumes from the language of the law that its province is always equalization downward, and never upward. 'We are charged,' the Court repeats, 'with seeing that none of it (the coal) is assessed beyond its actual value, or discriminated against in the valuation;' and follows with this further statement:

"But the law not only requires property to be assessed at its fair market value, but also aims to have valuations equalized. 'Perfect equality of course is out of the question. No matter what plan of assessment is adopted some will have to bear an unequal burden. The function of the Court is to see that a uniform standard has been adopted and generally applied. An assessment on one property is not to be reduced simply because a few other properties are undervalued. If such were the rule, no plan of assessment could be carried out.

"Following out this rule, the Court finds that one of the land's have been assessed beyond their actual value or discriminated against, but it deducts \$70 per acre as the value of the surface lands where such lands are not owned by the coal companies, or where they are assessed separately at the request of the owners. The evidence submitted as to the value of the coal, and the valuations actually set upon it, are as follows:

Field.	Bedford.	Ass'd.
Connellsville	\$1,000 to \$2,000	\$750
Lattice	700 to 800	500
Greensburg	700 to 800	500
Irwins	300 to 1,000	400
Ligonier	1,000 to 1,500	400

If the coal had been assessed in accordance with the language of the law, 'at what it would sell for, if sold singly and separately at a bona fide sale, after due public notice,' it would have been marked up a great deal higher than it actually was; yet it is assessed considerably higher than the coal of neighboring counties, and from this point of view the Westmoreland coal owners are being discriminated against.

But they are not the only class of property-owners that have been discriminated against. The Court declares that it is the duty of the County Commissioners, 'to classify property of the same kind and to apply to it a uniform standard of assessments;' but ought not this uniformity extend to the classifications themselves? We have seen that the coal assessments of Westmoreland county are only about one-half the actual value of the coal; yet we are told by the Westmoreland County School Directors' Association that some other properties are assessed at 80 per cent. of their value. Is this not rank discrimination between the classes?

It is evident that assessments are uniform only in one respect, namely, that they are never made at full value as required by law. The Courts tell us they have no power to increase valuations, even after evidence, but only to decrease them when the properties appear to be 'assessed beyond their actual value, or discriminated against in the valuation.'

If the law required the assessed valuation to be one-half the actual value,

is it not reasonable to suppose that the law would be more strictly followed with the result that assessments of all kinds would be more equitable?

**THE REDUCTION OF COOKERS' WAGES.**

The notice of a reduction in coke workers' wages was not a welcome New Year's announcement, but it was not a wholly unexpected one, in spite of the reassuring reports sent out from time to time under color of authority, that there would be no changes in the wage scale or in the prices of oven and furnace products.

The changes in the wage scale have probably been made necessary because the inexorable law of supply and demand had already, in spite of all efforts, made corresponding changes in prices. The return to the wage scale of 1905 is due to a return to the prices of 1905. The coke operators voluntarily shared the good times with their employees and they now demand that the employees share the dull times with them.

This is unfortunate, but it is not wholly bad. The wage scale of 1905 is not the worst in the world. It will enable the miner and drawer to make good wages. The times are not as bad as they have been on other occasions. The country has been on a big spree of extravagant incomes and extravagant living. The people will have to sober up and practise reasonable economy.

One of the evil features of the situation is the continued high prices of foodstuffs. These should come down commensurately with wages and incomes. The Grub Trust should receive some of the attention which has been directed against other monopolies, less oppressive to the common people. The Beef Trust investigation should be pressed further and faster. People can't regulate the price of food, because they cannot do without it. They can't boycott it.

The wage scale of 1905 will not be so bad if the Connelville coke plants run on the 1905 schedule.

**PLENTY OF COKE REGION LABOR.**

Fears are expressed in some quarters that the anticipated early resumption of many of the idle coke plants of the Connelville region will be attended by difficulty in procuring men enough to man them owing to the Slavish exodus from this country to the fatherland.

There is no reason to borrow all this trouble, especially when we have plenty of present apprehensions on hand to mingle with our mounting hopes for the future. We incline to the belief that there will be no scarcity of labor, at least none long continued and vexatious, when the operators find a market for their product. The Slovaks will return quite as fast as they departed.

For the matter of that there is plenty of unemployed labor in the country now without sending abroad for foreigners, quite sufficient to start the coke business into renewed activity at least until the demand for additional labor is met by the ships that come over the sea.

Let no coke operator be afraid to contract for full run of coke for 1905 at a fair price if he has the opportunity, and the opportunities are presenting themselves already. They have been a little shy thus far, but perhaps the reason is not modesty alone.

**THE FOREIGNER AND HIS STIMULANTS.**

The Cambria county coal operators at a recent meeting decided that it would be practically impossible to hold foreign-born labor without convenient means to them of obtaining liquors. 'The question which bothers the operators, and which is becoming serious,' says the Johnstown Tribune 'is how to curtail the drinking propensities of their employees to a point so that the steady and regular operation of their plants may not be interfered with.'

The same condition prevails in Fayette county, and the operators are in a dilemma. They would prefer to eliminate the intoxicants if possible, but they have good reason to fear that it would mean the elimination of their labor. They are between the Devil and the Deep Sea, and they prefer the evils of the 'wet' and sometimes crippled works rather than the unknown ills of a 'dry' and possibly a deserted plant.

Drinking is a matter of habit, and possibly the absence of temptation would break up the habit, but employers prefer not to try doubtful experiments. Moreover, the habit is not confined to the foreign-born workman, and it is a notorious fact that there is always more progress, push and business activity in the licensed town than in the Prohibition communities, and frequently less drunkenness.

**SENSIBLE RELIEF FOR DARR DESTITUTE.**

The work of raising money for the families of the victims of the Darr mine disaster continues unabatedly and successfully, but it has remained for a Michigan farmer to offer what is perhaps the most reasonable and worthy help that could be proffered. He writes:

Do you know of an American born woman, from 25 to 35 years old, among the many widows that would like a home in the country, or a young girl between 10 and 12? Would send her to school, Catholic preferred, but no worthy woman or girl would be turned away. Woman to help with the household. I live on a farm but do not work. Best references given if required. The money payments that will be made to the widows and orphans of the disaster will not support them through-out life, however judiciously they may be invested and husbanded; and there

is unfortunately no assurance that such will be the case. The recipients will all have to work for a living, and an unprotected woman could have no better opportunity to secure a comfortable, wholesome and happy home than that which is offered on a farm. The relief committee should encourage all such offers.

**SAFETY AND SANITY IN MINE LAW REVISION.**

The prediction is freely made that there will be some drastic mining legislation passed at the next session of the Pennsylvania Legislature, and that it will be duplicated by the Legislatures of other States, notably the State of West Virginia.

Public interest is naturally aroused by the recent disastrous mine explosions in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Alabama, and it will undoubtedly result in stricter mine laws. That there is room for improvement is admitted on all sides.

But in considering the matter the lawmakers should not be swayed by prejudice. Justice should be their standard. Neither should they assume that they are familiar enough with the subject to be above advice from those whose lives have been spent in and about the mines and have been devoted to the theory and practice of mining. The average legislator knows less about mining than he does about the Constitution, and we have abundant cause to know that his knowledge of the fundamental law is seldom profound.

The mining laws should be referred to a competent committee and that committee should seek the advice and assistance of experts in mining. The mining laws, like the mining practices of Pennsylvania, should be models of their kind.

Much has been proposed that is excellent, and more has been suggested that is impracticable. From all this unsifted mass, the good must be separated from the bad, the useful from the impracticable, the wheat from the chaff; and the separation must be intelligent, accurate and practical. To that end ignorance must be eliminated from the equation. Every legislator is compelled to take a course in mining engineering as a prerequisite to the right of speaking and voting on the question.

In revising the mining laws, safety is the first consideration and sanity perhaps the greatest.

**THE CENTRAL BANK ISSUE REMEDY.**

Robert Emmett Nelson, in the Review of Review, advocates a solution of our financial troubles. His argument is not devoid of ability. He says:

'Emergency currency based solely on a high interest rate is undesirable, and, at best, a palliative. What we want is an issuance of properly secured bank credit notes to insure elasticity; re-establishing facilities of control of the discount rate; and the provision of a government reserve. These, and more, a central bank will furnish. Such an institution would deal exclusively with banks, receive and disburse currency, and act as a clearing house for the government's receipts. It would prevent the hoarding of government money in the Treasury vaults by acting as its custodian and it would be a sanctuary for the disposal of the money market to the Treasury for relief. By dividing the stock among the national banks of the country in proportion to their capital, its relation to each would be uniform, and though the constant changing of its paper its assets would be available always and in accordance to business conditions. Moreover, it would eliminate the Sub-Treasury system, and prevent inflation and contraction, liable to follow the government's disbursements and collections, by keeping the nation's money at the disposal of trade and commerce. Every country in Europe has a central bank, and the Bank of England, Bank of France, and Imperial Bank of Germany, or Reichsbank, are pertinent illustrations of worth and service. Japan copied our system thirty years ago, but later discarded it for the central bank. We alone among highly civilized people have no such institution, and to perpetuate political prejudice, that is absolutely without foundation, must responsibility therefor be ascribed. It is a melancholy commentary on our character and an admission of our inefficiency, that we are unable to adopt for our financial aid a method so helpful to other countries.'

In the meantime Congress is going slowly in the currency matter, and there is room for the suspicion that the Washington statesmen shrink from disturbing either the financial system or the tariff system, until after the impending Presidential election. Fortunately, we seem to have weathered the currency storm, but it is a sad commentary on our political system that legislation of crying necessity must wait upon political necessities, real or fancied.

LEGAL OBLIGATIONS OF WATER COMPANIES.

Our news dispatches tell us that damage suits have been entered against the Venango Water Company by citizens of Franklin, Pa., because of the fact that typhoid fever cases recently developed are attributed to typhoid germs in the water supply.

They are test cases to determine just what obligations rest upon water companies in the matter of furnishing pure water for domestic use. In its contract with the municipalities nearly every water company undertakes, the Connelville Water Company has done, to furnish 'a constant and sufficient supply of pure water for domestic use;' but it is also a fact that in all such cases the nature of the supply has been fully understood before the making of the contract and has been entirely satisfactory to the municipal authorities.

The question upon which the Venango county cases will hinge will probably be, How far is the water company required to protect its water supply?

The answer of the courts will probably be that the water company is bound to use all every reasonable precaution to protect its water supply. This has been the custom of the Connelville Water Company at all times. It moved its river pumping plant three times to avoid impure water or any suspicion of it. It has added a filter plant recently for the same purpose.

It has especially and particularly exercised the utmost care to keep its reservoirs free from such dangers as the Franklin people complain about. It has vigilantly patrolled the watersheds. Whenever any typhoid or other germ disease has appeared, this company's management has always taken prompt and vigorous measures to guard against the possible contamination of its water supply.

The Connelville Water Company has recognized its moral obligations in this matter without waiting to have its legal obligations defined by the courts, and in this the company has been both reasonable and wise.

The purchase of the Connelville water plant by the borough has always been a live question and has always had active supporters, but their activity and tenacity has been more remarkable than their foresight or their common sense. The acquisition of the water plant is of doubtful desirability. If the borough were financially able to buy it, but since we haven't the money to buy, there is no use considering the question any further.

But in the meantime, it is evident that the Connelville people have cause to congratulate themselves on the fact that they have water supply which for volume and purity is excelled by few communities in the country, and for the further fact that its purity is carefully guarded by the company.

**A CURRENCY LEAK STOPPED.**

Congressman Cooper and J. V. Thompson have done good work for the Western Pennsylvania bankers' outside of Pittsburgh by securing an order permitting remittances for federal revenue stamps and postoffice receipts to be made by bank drafts instead of requiring their payment in actual currency, thus draining the country currency into the Pittsburgh banks.

So far as the Government is concerned, the remittances are just as safely and as conveniently made by drafts as by gold coin; and as a matter of simple justice to the country banks they should be permitted to be made in this manner. They have been so made in the past. The change was made during the financial flurry when the Pittsburgh and other city banks refused to honor the drafts of the country banks for currency, that is to say, the city banks not only refused to send the country banks the cash that was actually theirs, but also kept all the national currency that came their way, including that sent in for the purposes above mentioned.

When currency payments are fully established and the remittances of the country banks are freely honored by their city depositaries, the regulation will be of no commercial importance, but in the meantime it means \$120,000 a month kept in the home banks, where it will be available for home business.

**NATHAN BAY SCOTT: WEST VIRGINIA'S SPHINX.**

Nathan Bay Scott, Senator from West Virginia, whom we have suspected of making a noise like a Dark Horse, is already under suspicion in his own State. His evasive, elusive and exuberant explanations of West Virginia's attitude on the Presidential question have aroused the distrust of his neighbors, for the reason that this spirit is wholly foreign to Nathan Bay's character.

The Junior Senator from the Mountain State is nothing if not crafty. Subterfuge and he are strangers, or, at least, he is not a stranger to the art of having been. Nothing but a mighty influence could have changed his character and his public utterances at this late date in his political career. He is not in the list of known aspirants to the nomination for President, is it possible that he has collateral ambitions? Would the office of Prime Minister tempt him to abandon the Junior Senatorship? Is the flowing robe of a Supreme Justice fluttering before his distant vision? Or is the Junior Senator from West Virginia merely puzzled?

If he is bewildered, let him look aloft. Let him cast his uncertain eye toward Pennsylvania. Here he will find what many of his constituents have already espied, namely, a robust and healthy boom for one Philander Chase Knox, a candidate of whom no man, public or private, need be ashamed.

**THE SUNSHINE CLUB AND ITS PROFITS.**

The Sunshine Boomerang Club is a Sunbury, Pa., institution that can profitably and pleasantly be imitated in every community. 'The duty of the member is to wear a smile; to speak kindly to all whom he meets; to radiate his sunshine along Life's Pathway.' The Sunshine Club is not a commercial institution, but its profits are those which money cannot buy; and, when the end of all things earthly comes, the investor in Sunshine stock will realize that his greatest dividends came from that company.

A formal organization is not necessary to membership in the Sunshine Club. We may all become members without application without pledges, without dues and without obligations, save those which the Sunshine spirit

imposes, the payment of which is always a pleasure and never a hardship. Sunshine is a boomerang which comes back to the giver and permeates his soul anew with its radiance. It is an investment that never fails to pay handsome dividends. It is one of the really good things.

**COLONEL HUFF'S FIGHT FOR CONGRESS.**

The operation of the Uniform Primary law has upset a great many political calculations, but none more completely than those of Butler county's Congressional aspirants.

Colonel George Franklin Huff, Commander of Finance, Captain of Industry, Past Master of Politics and the Soldiers' Statesman, who hypnotized the Butler county Republicans into an agreement whereby he was to be given two terms in Congress and then retire in favor of Butler county's choice for two terms, is inclined to think that this agreement is abrogated by the Uniform Primary and he is not bound thereto. As a practical politician he looks only upon the legal side of the question. From this point of view, his deductions are strictly accurate.

Colonel Huff has made a useful member. He has guarded the interests of his constituents with activity, assiduity and ability. He has during a long service become an influential member of the House, and is in a better position today to serve his people than ever before. His elevation to the Chairmanship of the Committee on Mines and Mining adds materially to his usefulness in a direction especially interesting to Westmoreland county people. It will not be strange if they insist upon his remaining in Congress, a proposition to which the Colonel is evidently not averse.

But there is another Colonel to be reckoned with. Colonel Edward Everbush Robbins will, it is announced, again contest with him the honor of the nomination at the approaching primary, and the dormant ambitions of the Soap Mine section will no doubt be a factor in the contest.

Upon the whole, there will be no lack of interest in the approaching Uniform Primary in Westmoreland and Butler counties.

**THE LAW OF 1903 AND COUNCILMANIC TERMS.**

The statement in The Courier of yesterday, that the Third Ward would elect two members of Town Council this year, has been called into question, but the question still remains questionable.

The Act of 1903 was drawn for the purpose of making elections to the office of Town Councilman uniform throughout the State. There still remained a few boroughs which were electing their Town Councilmen at large, and the Act of 1903 specifically applied to all boroughs in which the Councilmen are now elected at large. The inference was plain that it did not apply to boroughs which were then electing their Councilmen by wards, as Connelville had been doing for years.

The Democratic party managers of Connelville asked upon the law to perpetrate their wrong power. The borough had been electing its Councilman under a previous law which provided for the election of one Councilman annually from each ward to serve for two years. At the midnight hour of the last day for filing nominations at the election of 1901, when the law became effective, the Democratic managers filed additional nominations in each ward, and there being no opposition these additional candidates were elected. The count subsequently sustained this proceeding; and thus, without the consent of the people of Connelville, Democratic rule, which was verging toward municipal ruin, was prolonged.

The newly elected members drew lots under the law, and as a result the members from the First Ward were declared elected for one year; the members from the Third Ward for two years; the members from the Second and Fourth Wards for three years; and thereafter each ward elects two members to serve for three years. In 1905, the First Ward elected two members for three years. Their terms expire this spring, when their successors will be chosen for three years. The terms of the Second Ward members expired in 1905, when their successors were chosen to serve until 1910. Under the Act of 1903, therefore, there will be but two members of the Council to be elected, and they will be chosen from the First Ward.

But in the meantime, the Act of 1903 was declared unconstitutional in Westmoreland county, and has not generally been regarded as binding throughout the State. As a matter of fact, every borough in Pennsylvania seems to be a law unto itself in the matter of its government. Scottsdales, for example, rejoices in a Town Council of thirteen members.

If the Act of 1903 is unconstitutional, then the terms of the Third Ward members expire this year, and not next year.

If the law is not actually unconstitutional, it is at least very defective. It declares that after the casting of lots to determine the short and the long terms at the election of 1904, 'every three years thereafter the qualified electors of each of the wards in the third class shall elect Councilmen for the said wards for a term of three years.' Nothing is provided against vacancies by death or removal.

The Courier has always doubted the application of this law to Connelville, and it has held to the view that it

should never have been thrust upon the community with that intent and purpose and effect of stifling the voice of the people and rebelling them of the right of suffrage. However that may be, the incident furnishes another strong argument in favor of a proposition which The Courier has advocated for some years past, namely, the publication of the session laws for public information. The Act of 1903 might as well have been passed in Persia for all the information the general public had of its provisions.

The citizen is not only entitled to public knowledge of the laws enacted for his government, but he also has a right to official information as to the offices to be filled at each election. At the fall elections it has long been the duty of the Sheriff to proclaim publicly the offices to be voted for. It is just as much the duty of the County Commissioners under the Uniform Primary law to proclaim the offices to be voted for in each borough and township, ward and district, at the Winter Primary.

The Commissioners of Fayette county have contented themselves with publishing a brief and general proclamation, concerning the offices to be filled at the Winter Primary. We are told that Connelville's borough, for example, will not only candidates for Town Council, School Directors, etc., but in what particular wards and how many in each we are left to find out for ourselves. The publication of such a proclamation is utterly useless. The evident intent of the law is to inform the voters just how many offices are to be filled and in what wards and districts. This is the view taken of the matter in other counties, notably in Bedford county, where the papers publish the information for every ward and district in the county.

The Courier repeats the hope expressed on previous occasions that some public-spirited legislator or legislators, or others, prepare a new and sensible and complete borough code to take the place of the present inchoate, conflicting and often absurd mass of laws under which Pennsylvania boroughs are endeavoring to do business. Such a code would have no difficulty of passage; and it would not only earn for its author the eternal gratitude of the constantly perplexed citizens, but it would also give such author an unending fame in the annals of the Keystone State.

Blank's Borough Code, for example, would make Blank's name famous in the legal annals of Pennsylvania. He and his posterity would feel that they had not drawn a blank.

**THE NEW POSTOFFICE AND THE GREATER TOWN.**

The evident determination of the Government to build its new postoffice building on the Davidson and Wallace lots means that the authorities recognize the fact that Connelville and New Haven must soon, in the natural order of things, be consolidated and the borough lines extended beyond present boundaries. The Postoffice Department has located the new postoffice with a view to its being the center of Greater Connelville, and the authorities have we think used excellent judgment.

So far as we are able to judge the appraisal of the property is a fair one, and we hope it will be satisfactory to the owners, and that the site may be acquired without delay.

We would also suggest that it is time to begin the preliminary work of consolidation. The New Haven people are not unwilling to join with us, but they want certain street improvements guaranteed. This arrangement may also be amicably made between the Town Councils, or New Haven can issue its bonds and settle the matter at once and finally.

The greater town movement has halted too long. Let it now be pressed to early consummation, so that the forthcoming census of 1910 will give us the place on the map to which our importance as a community entitles us.

**THE MODERN BUCANIER.**

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company has succeeded in running down one gang of train wreckers; and it, after the trial, they are adjudged guilty, their courts should make examples of them. The case is one in which justice should not be tempered with mercy. The full measure of the penalty should be sternly exacted, because the full measure is not enough.

The train wrecker is a wholesale dealer in homicide. He would murder a multitude of innocent persons for mere plunder. He is a more bloody butcher than the pirate who sailed the Spanish Main and plundered and murdered for the sheer love of crime. The buccaner was an outlaw with a price upon his head. No mercy was extended to him. His trial was short and certain. He seldom appealed and his appeals were seldom heard.

So should it be with the modern pirate who dynamites railroad passenger trains for purposes of robbery or revenge.

**REPUDIATED BY THE PRIMARY LAW.**

The Mt. Pleasant Journal approves of the candidacy of Colonel Huff for Congress, but thinks he ought to run for the purpose of getting the nomination and handing it over to Butler county. The Journal seems to forget that the conference system has been supplanted by the Uniform Primary law under which the candidate receiving the largest number of votes is declared the nominee of the district.

If Colonel Huff receives a plurality of the Republican votes in Westmoreland and Butler counties at the Spring Primary he will be the nominee of

the district for Congress and it will not be in his power to transfer the nomination to anybody else.

The Uniform Primary effaces county lines with their manifold disturbing influences, and that is one of the law's chiefest virtues. The old conference system was a curse to politics and the people. The Uniform Primary is an earnest attempt to return to the people the power of making their own nominations, which power had been usurped by political bosses.

The agreement between Westmoreland and Butler was an agreement between political bosses and in no sense binding upon the Republicans of the district. Colonel Huff doesn't need to repudiate it. It has been repudiated by the primary law and the people themselves are able to be reckoned with.

**A PRACTISE ILLEGAL AND UNWISE.**

The Uniontown Town Council proposes to tide over its present financial difficulties by borrowing from its sinking fund for the payment of general indebtedness. The practise is unbusinesslike and illegal.

Sinking funds are established in pursuance of a contract, express or implied, with the purchasers of bonds, for the purpose of paying interest on this form of indebtedness and extinguishing it as it falls due. The law declares that the monies required to be paid into this fund shall not be applied to any other purpose or payments.

It is not an uncommon practise, however, for Town Councils and School Boards to shift their credits to meet emergencies; but the practise is, we repeat, illegal as well as unwise; and the Uniontown authorities had better find some other way out of their financial tangle.

**THE BARGAIN SEASON AND THE THRIFTY BUYER.**

The bargain season is now on and the thrifty buyer can purchase many of the necessities, not to mention all of the luxuries, at greatly reduced prices. These are the days when the intelligent merchant values his ink freely and gets a lively move on his left-over stocks.

Some of these genuine bargains are now being offered every day by the enterprising dealers. Their announcements in the columns of The Courier are interesting and profitable reading. We commend them to the wise buyer. At the same time, we commend our advertising columns to the wide-awake merchants. The Courier reaches the buying public who do their shopping in Connelville, and it offers more publicity for the money than any other publication in the Connelville coke region.

Colonel Robert H. Thomas died Friday at Mechanicsburg, Pa., aged 74. The announcement will be received with sincere sorrow by the country editors of Pennsylvania, to all of whom he was known and to many of whom he was beloved. For a long period of years, he was Secretary and Treasurer of the Pennsylvania Editorial Association, and as such planned and prepared the many pleasant outings enjoyed by the editorial fraternity. He enjoyed them as much as anybody, because it was a pleasure to him to give others pleasure. He was genial and affable, large of heart, cheerful of presence and altogether likable. He was the soul of honor and his courage was tested on the battlefield where his title was won. He was a forest speaker as well as a public speaker, and all the qualities that make up sterling manhood, he has gone to a Great Reward.

Uncle Sam is making the dirt fly at Panama, and this is no joke.

The Johnstown Democrat was enthusiastic in favor of Free Silver, but it talks at Greenbacks. Both are a species of inflation, but the latter is based on the gold standard, which makes them worth par value in the markets of the world, while the former would have been worth about 50 per cent. without the aid or consent of any other nation.

Admiral Dewey is 70 and spry.

William Flinn, late boss of Pittsburgh, now reformer, has been elected to the Senate race with Boies Penrose, present boss of Philadelphia and some time of the State, but without pretensions of reform. The contest is unequal. Senator Penrose ought to get a reform ticket. Surely, he is entitled to one if Flinn is Reform enough to make a campaign. Without some of Connelville's reform Colonels.

While we live let us be sunny.

The last four Republican National Conventions were endorsed by bodies. The Republican party had made its choice, and the delegates merely ratified it. The next convention will be an open and free-for-all gathering, and Philander Chase Knox has no handicap in the race, any Pennsylvania newspaper or personage to the contrary notwithstanding.

Miss G. Spring is trying to butt into Leap Year.

The Bellefonte Watchman fears that Senator Knox is being fooled in his candidacy for the Republican nomination for President. We fear that Senator Knox is being fooled in the candidacy of his Peaceful Friend, William Jennings Bryan. The latter will furnish forth no postmaster's or citizenship for the Center of the State.

All indications point to a general industrial strike, which in the coke region will read, 'Black to the mines.'

The Black-and-Tans and the Lily Whites are contesting the honor of representing the rotten boroughs of the South in the Republican National Convention. It is time that representation in the national convention should be based on party strength and not upon the other party's strength.

The indictments against Ex-Cashier Richard of Greene county are perhaps more numerous than that optimistic gentleman is willing to admit.

Steel Preferred will be preferred by steel employees.











